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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In the Matter of the Application of: Swank et al.

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For: **Tension Band with Tension Adjusting Features**

Examiner: Karabi Guharay

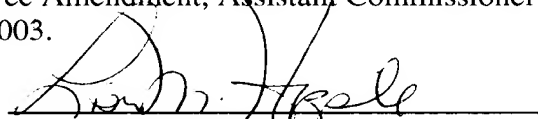
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Box Fee Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Initial Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 18, 2003, please amend the application as noted below. The fee for a one-month extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.